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Sent via email: [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

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Re: **2019-HQFO-00854**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated June 13, 2019, and received by this office on June 14, 2019. You are seeking requesting the following records: (1) Records sufficient to show of all attendees of the meeting that reportedly occurred between Mr. McAleenan and President Trump in Calexico, CA, on or around April 5, 2019, (2) all records reflecting communications between the office of Acting Secretary McAleenan and anyone in the White House Office (including anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov) regarding the meeting referenced in Part 1. (3) any materials associated with the meeting, such as meeting notices, meeting agendas, talking points, background materials, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during the meeting, summaries of the meeting, or other materials exchanged before or after the meeting referenced in Part 1, from April 1, 2019, to the date the search is conducted (Date Range for Record Search: From 4/1/2019 to 6/13/2019).

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

Please be advised that Mr. McAleenan was appointed Secretary of DHS on April 10, 2019, after the date of the meeting. Our office transferred your request to the CBP FOIA Office for review and direct response to you. Their contact information is:

FOIA Officer  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
90 K Street, NE  
FOIA Division  
Washington, DC 20229  
Phone: 202-325-0150

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within CIO that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2019-HQFO-00854**. You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,

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